



SOUTH DAKOTA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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DDC NOTES - OCTOBER 2007

Report of DDC Meeting held in October – The Council met in Pierre and approved funding for Year 16 of Partners in Policymaking and Caring for Smiles Phase 2 (training for dentists and staff). Requests for Funding were issued for Youth Leadership Forum 2008, Public Information & Awareness, In-Service Training for ATC Staff, College of Direct Support, and Mobilizing for Self-Advocacy. Deadline for Mini-Grant applications is December 31, 2007. Forms are available on the Council's website or by contacting the Council Office.

DILLON HAUG RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD - The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) presented the Cassandra Zietz Youth Leadership Award to Dillon Haug of Spearfish, South Dakota, at their annual conference this week. The Cassandra Zietz Award is in honor of an NACDD friend and conference participant who exemplified the goal of full inclusion of people with developmental disabilities. The Award is intended to honor a young person with a developmental disability who has actively demonstrated a personal commitment to the goal of full inclusion in the community as Cassandra did during her lifetime. Dillon has demonstrated both the desire and determination to live life fully in the community as shown by his work and home, and his educational, recreational and other activities in his community. Along with work, he is active with his church, Lions Club, Black Hills State University and a faithful attendee of a morning coffee group. He is an officer for the SD Council on Developmental Disabilities and a member of the SD Advocacy Services Protection & Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities (PADD) Board. The following statements from the letters of recommendation summarize why Dillon received the award – “Dillon ... is a real contributor to our community. ...he is one of those people who have made Spearfish a “nice place to live.” ...he has clearly demonstrated a desire and a motivation to live a full life in our community. For that, our community is a better place to live. ...his own determination and recognition of his assets and abilities is reflected back in the high regard of others. Those of us without visible disabilities would be wise to model after Dillon.”

MEMBERS WANTED - The South Dakota Freedom to Work Project is seeking nominations for vacant positions on their Leadership Council. If you or someone you know is interested in being considered for a position on this Council, we encourage you to submit those nominations. Information can be requested from the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities at 1-800-210-0143 or 605-945-2207.

****PLEASE NOTE** FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for People with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families** – The Council has set-aside funding for *BOTH in-state and OUT-OF-STATE travel assistance for the upcoming fiscal year*. A limited amount of funds are available. Guidelines and application forms can be requested from the Council Office or found at the Council's web site. Limited funds are also available for recreation opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

The following items may be of interest – inclusion in DDC Notes does not constitute endorsement by the Council.

ADA Best Practices Tool Kit

The Department of Justice's newly updated ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments includes useful information and checklists and can be found at <http://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/toolkitmain.htm> .

Direct Support Professional Toolkits - The Illinois Direct Support Professional Workforce Initiative has created two versions (family and individual) of a toolkit designed to provide easy-to-use tips and strategies to help people to find, choose and keep high quality Direct Support Professionals. Anyone can download a copy of either or both versions of *"Find, Choose, and Keep Great Direct Support Professionals* FREE using the links found at <http://www.rtc.umn.edu/ildspworkforce/index.asp>.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

Oct 25, 2007	Sioux Falls - GreenStar Symposium
Oct 29-30, 2007	Sioux Falls - Fall 2007 Birth to 3 Workshop
Oct 30, 2007	Aberdeen - Community Forum sponsored by Freedom to Work Project
Nov 1, 2007	Eagle Butte - Community Forum sponsored by Freedom to Work Project
Nov 6-7, 2007	Rapid City/Sioux Falls - Positive Behavior Approaches, Sponsored by the SD Association of Community Based Services
Nov 8, 2007	Rapid City - Community Forum sponsored by Freedom to Work Project
Nov 13, 2007	Sioux Falls - Community Forum sponsored by Freedom to Work Project
Nov 15-16, 2007	Sioux Falls – IntelliTools, sponsored by Children's Care Hospital & School.
Nov 29, 2007	Sioux Falls - Applied Behavioral Analysis, sponsored by Children's Care Hospital & School
Nov 29-30, 2007	Sioux Falls – IntelliTalk III and IntelliPics Studio III Workshop, CCHS
Dec 5, 2007	Pierre/Fort Pierre – Regional Transition Forum
Dec 14, 2007	Rapid City – Regional Transition Forum
Mar 16-18, 2008	Pierre – Statewide Special Education Conference
Mar 27, 2008	Aberdeen – Catch the Wave Post-Secondary Experience
Mar 27, 2008	Rapid City – Catch the Wave Post-Secondary Experience
Apr 12, 2008	Sioux Falls – DD Network Listening Session
Apr 22, 2008	Brookings – Catch the Wave Post-Secondary Experience
Apr 28-29, 2008	Sioux Falls – Spring Autism Conference
May 2-3, 2008	Aberdeen – 2008 Parent & Provider Conference, Family Child Care Professionals of SD
June 2, 2008	Sioux Falls – Learning Disabilities Conference
June 8-10, 2008	Pierre – Dare to Dream 2008 Conference
June 15-19, 2008	Aberdeen – Youth Leadership Forum
June 12-13, 2008	Sioux Falls – Lighting the Way Conference (autism)

For more information check out the Council's Calendar of Events on our web site – www.state.sd.us/dhs/ddc .

FUTURE ISSUES OF DDC NOTES

- If you receive this via regular mail and want to receive it by e-mail, let me know and I'll make that change.
- If you no longer want to receive this information, let me know and I'll take you off the list.
- If you know of others who may be interested, please share this with them or have them contact me to be added to the mailing list.

Inclusion of information in DDC Notes is not an endorsement of the activity. If you have questions about any of the information provided, please contact the Council at – Hillsview Plaza, E. Hwy 34, c/o 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501 or 605-773-6369 or 1-800-265-9684 or by email at arlene.poncelet@state.sd.us.